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GAMENESS OF JEFFRIES QUESTIONED BY FRIENDS

Hint Is General Among Those Who Saw Battle That Big Boilermaker Was Too Anxious to Quit When He Got Into Ring With Jack Johnson.

The feeling against Jim Jeffries for his horrible showing against Jack Johnson continues to spread. Up to this time the charge against the big boilermaker was that he declined to take advice from those who were in a position to tell him how to get into some sort of condition, but now the gameness of Jeffries is questioned by his former friends.

A copyrighted story by W. P. McLaughlin in the New York World this morning said:

I was among the fortunate unfortunate who were lucky enough to secure "reservations" out of Reno an early hour this morning. I had for company many "fight experts," several ex-champions, and a couple of the men who helped to "train" Jeffries for his affair with Johnson.

Everybody expressed an opinion, but there was one word that sounded the same in all of them—that was that the much touted gameness of Jeffries was lacking, woefully lacking, in the contest with Johnson. Friend and foe alike came peevishly near to hinting that Jeff was only too anxious to quit.

One of the men who spent much time in Jeffries' camp ever since the "big blow" began training for the fourth of July contest is authority for this statement. Jeffries was "doped" just before entering the ring. As a rule I don't put any stock in these "dope" stories, but Jeffries certainly fought as if he was half asleep. Joe Chynski told me this evening that Jeff was "doped to death" when he entered the ring.

"It's the old fright that always comes to a man who has been out of the ring for a long time. It has even happened to me. I can remember once when I fought after a prolonged absence from the ring. As soon as I got back I had a terrific fear of the man I was going to fight. In other words, I needed a fight in me. It was the same way with Jim Jeffries."

The other members of the Jeffries camp also remarked on Jeff's extreme fear of Johnson on the day of the contest, and say that is why he was given the "dope."

Everybody in San Francisco appears to think that the "bottle of the century" was pretty much of a "bottle." That Jeffries did not show the least vestige of gameness and that he rather "dogged" with Johnson, is the opinion expressed among the sporting men in this city.

PROKOS GETS MATCH WITH SHAD LINK

Washington's Latest Wrestling Find Ready to Take on Baltimore Veteran.

BALTIMORE, July 7.—Jim Prokos, the Greek wrestler, who has been in Washington, has accepted the offer made by Shad Link, of this city, to throw him twice in an hour for \$100 a side bet. All that the Greek asks is that Link put up his money with some responsible party in Washington, where the match is to be decided, if he will cover it, and will then begin work. But the money must come across before any match is discussed.

Prokos is much lighter than Link, but does not think that the Baltimore man can beat him in the handicap match suggested.

YOUNG WAITING FOR HIS 500TH VICTORY

DETROIT, June 7.—When "Cy" Young took his position in the box in Cleveland against the Tigers he entertained fond hopes of winning. Had victory perched on his banner it would have been his 500th successful game in the big league.

As things stand now "Cy" has won 499 games, just lacking one of reaching a goal he has coveted for the past three years.

"Cy" will probably get a chance to win this one game before he retires from baseball.

Incidentally, it was Ty Cobb who made his 100th hit at the expense of Young.

HYLAND OUTPOINTS BROOKLYN CRACK

NEW YORK, July 7.—"Fighting Joe" Hyland easily outpointed James Moran, of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout at the Olympic Athletic Club of Harlem last night. The contest was a one-sided affair throughout, Hyland tearing into his opponent and landing damaging blows as he pleased.

In the fourth round Moran sent Hyland to the canvas with a left hook to the jaw for the only knockdown of the fight.

James Sheppard made short work of Ed Gillespie, in the semi-final bout, with a clean knockout.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

The National League president has tied the "can" to umpire Moran.

Cobb is certainly running bases wild these days.

"I win by watching Hans Wagner," says Miller, the Pittsburgh second baseman.

Mal Eason, who played with Detroit for a short spell, has just been appointed a National League umpire.

With Baker slapping the ball into right field like rifle shots, visiting players should wear armor.

The New York Giants are leading their league in batting, and stand seventh in fielding.

The National League has thirteen batsmen better than 200, while the American League has ten.

Shodgrass, the Giants' left fielder, is now leading the National League at the bat, but doesn't look like a stayer.

Washington has paid Lawrence \$2,500 for Catcher Ainsworth and New Bedford \$2,500 for Second Baseman Cunningham, two of the best young men.

The New York Giants have found Philadelphia and Brooklyn easy picking this season, having won fourteen from the Quakers and thirteen from Bill Dahlen's boys.

The Athletics have beaten the Boston Red Sox and the Highlanders eleven games each this season, while the Red Sox have pulled down four and the Highlanders five wins.

They Were Ready for All Emergencies



JACK GLEASON. TEX RICKARD. Pulled Off Jeffries-Johnson Fight Despite Obstacles That Would Have Stopped Most Men.

AMATEURS TO MAKE IRON MEN SELDOM HOLD THEIR OWN

Race for Cup Being Planned Between New York and Washington.

Amateur aviators, including several millionaires, are planning a flight between New York and Washington. Which of these places is to be the starting point and which the end of the flight has not been determined.

This event will be strictly an amateur affair, no cash prizes being offered. The aviators will make the trip for the fun and notoriety, and incidentally a trophy put up by a millionaire enthusiast. Aviators of the amateur class from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Washington, and other cities, will participate in the novel event, it is expected.

Members of the Washington Aero Club are making every effort to have the Capital selected as the starting point of the event. The project was discussed at a meeting of the club yesterday afternoon, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Six new members were elected to the Aero Club at yesterday's meeting; they were: Commissioner Cuno, H. Rudolph, Cleveland Davis, Clarence De Knight, Grimsby McCammon, Wallace M. Hill and William T. Clark. Dr. A. P. Zahn was elected a delegate to the national council of the Aero Club of America, the terms of which organization were adopted by the local club.

MAYOR INDORSES FIGHT PICTURES

Reyburn of Philadelphia Says He Has Seen Worse Scraps Than Recent One.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 7.—Mayor Reyburn took a fall out of Colonel Roosevelt yesterday, defended the exhibition of the Johnson-Jeffries prize-fight pictures and talked cynically of wood-block paving.

When told there was a growing sentiment against the exhibition of Johnson-Jeffries moving pictures, which have been prohibited by the authorities of many cities, the mayor said:

"I've heard no such expression, and I see no reason why they should not go on. The newspapers must be hard up for something to print. As for me, I think the fight was very mild. In my time I have seen a great deal worse, when the Irish and the English champions fought. This thing was very mild."

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BACK TO THE FARM FOR JIM JEFFRIES

Will Resume Simple Life of Raising Alfalfa—Still Surly About Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Within twenty-four hours James J. Jeffries will have disappeared into the obscurity of his alfalfa ranch, near Los Angeles, never to emerge again as "the hope of the white race," or for any other pugilistic reason.

His return to the ranch will signal the ringing down of the final curtain on the career of one of the greatest lights in the history of the prize ring. Jeffries will leave Oakland tonight and go direct to his ranch without stop. Within a week he expects to be leading his old life of hunting and fishing, from which he was "called" more than a year ago, when Jack Johnson put the quietus on Tommy Burns at Ruchters Bay, Australia.

Jeffries remained in seclusion all day today, refusing to see a single visitor, including some of his most intimate friends. He is sullen and silent, and it is said goes into a wild rage whenever the Reno fight is mentioned in his presence.

TIGERS NOT AFTER WALTER JOHNSON

DETROIT, Mich., July 7.—President Navin, of the Detroit baseball club, today denied the story from Philadelphia to the effect that he had offered the Washington club \$30,000 cash for its crack battery, Johnson and Street.

"I can't imagine how it got started," he said, "there is absolutely nothing to it. It would be as much waste of time for me to buy Johnson as it would be for the club to offer to buy Mullin. Of course, Johnson would strengthen the Tigers. He would strengthen any team in either league. Philadelphia need not take the trouble to protest. We have not offered \$30,000 or any other amount."



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OWEN MEADE WINS IN TRACK GAMES

Of the many athletes entered in the Municipal Field and track games in Potomac Park on Independence Day, Owen Meade, formerly of the Twining school, but competing unattached, stood out as one of the star performers. Entered in four events, he won honors in all, taking first honors in the potato race, second in the standing broad jump, second in the spectacular race, and third in the 50-yard dash.

Through a technical error, Meade was not credited with having won in the results as published yesterday. It was learned this morning that he has been awarded the medals and is in the running for the cup offered the athlete scoring the greatest number of points.

HARRY LEWIS HOME AGAIN.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Harry Lewis, the Quaker middleweight who has been sojourning in Paris, was among the passengers on the Oceanic, which arrived from Southampton yesterday. Lewis said the wireless dispatch announcing the result of the Jeffries-Johnson match caused great excitement on the Oceanic. Harry is looking for a match with Willie Lewis, with whom he fought two draws in Paris. Failing to get a match with Willie Lewis, Harry will go after Billy Papke and Stanley Ketchel, provided the pair will agree to weigh in at 135 pounds inside.

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SAYS HE HAS MAN TO WHIP JOHNSON

Eugene Corri Thinks Bombardier Wells Can Turn the Trick.

LONDON, July 7.—Eugene Corri, the well-known English sporting referee and boxing authority, says he has a man named Bombardier Wells, who is a neighbor of his down at Southampton, and who would have a splendid chance of winning against Jack Johnson.

Wells has just retired from the army, having served in India. He has a longer reach than the colored champion, stands six feet three inches, and is fast as a featherweight on his feet. He is only twenty-one years old. Wells has done practically all of his fighting in India, and while there never lost a match. His last contest was against Gunner MacMurray, whom he knocked out in half a round. His next match will be with Jim Maher, an American.

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INVENTS AIRSHIP TO CARRY SCORES

St. Louis Man Constructs Machine to Upset All Laws of Gravity.

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—The incorporation of the Universal Aerial Navigation Company has revealed plans for a commercial passenger airship that rival the wildest dreams of Jules Verne. Officials of the company declare that within a year they will have a ship that will carry up 100 passengers in a forty-mile wind, and at a speed of 100 miles an hour.

The machine is the invention of J. W. Orman, formerly of San Antonio, Tex., but at present at St. Louis. One is in process of construction in the shops of the inventor here. The inventor claims that his ship can start either from the land or water. He declares it will ascend straight into the air, or can be launched in the manner of an aeroplane.

Called a Gyroplane.

The new airship is called a gyroplane, so named from the fact that it is a combination of gyroscopes, the helicopter, and the aeroplane. Its promoters say it can be built in any size, from a two-man "runabout" to a seven-passenger "touring car," to a monster of the air that will carry fifty or more.

"A thirty or forty mile breeze would be a help rather than a hindrance to our machine," said the inventor today. "We will maintain absolute equilibrium in anything short of a cyclone. The usual obstacles that prevent the flight of an ordinary airship will be as nothing to this machine of ours. It is planned to construct machines that will maintain a regular service between cities and States, and even countries."

The gyroscopes and the helicopter are familiar principles in heavier-than-air navigation, but never before have they been applied in the manner employed by Orman. The model of his ship is fitted with four huge propellers, twelve feet in diameter, which may be used in turn for drawing the machine from the ground or carrying it through the air.

The machine has been inspected by Government engineers and pronounced superior to all others, it is declared. Ten patents have been granted, covering almost every feature of the machine. The machine is to be constructed entirely of aluminum and macadamite, and besides carrying four propellers, is fitted with two engines.

The propellers are helicopters while the machine is rising, and they are gradually turned from an upright to a horizontal position to set the machine under way. The sole feature of the machine that resembles an aeroplane is the huge single plane fastened to the car sixteen feet above its upper edge. This is used for sailing for maintaining equilibrium. It is also claimed that in case of accident to the machine it may be used for bringing it gradually to the ground by tilting it at different angles.

The inventor asserts the machine can be made to stand still at one spot in the air for an indefinite time. "We could drop live bombs on a warship from a height of two miles without moving foot," he declared. Orman has studied aerial navigation twenty years.

JEFF MAY LOSE AN EYE.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 7.—Although efforts have been made to keep the fact secret, the blow that Johnson delivered in the second round of their fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, last Monday afternoon at Reno, is said to have paralyzed the optic nerve of Jeffries' right eye, and possibly permanently injured the white man's sight. His doctors, however, hold out strong hopes that he will eventually recover his full sight.

PITCHES NO-HIT GAME.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 7.—Jim Wiggs, pitcher for Montreal, yesterday afternoon let the Eastern League champions down without a hit in a game that was remarkable for only one reason—Rochesterite player saw first base. He walked.

EASON LEAGUE UMPIRE.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 7.—Mal Eason, Southern League umpire, was today resigned to the National League by President Kavanaugh, and has been ordered by President Lynch to report at St. Louis to umpire the St. Louis-Boston game.

TRAIN AND LAUNCH RACE.

WOODBURY, N. J., July 7.—The promoters of the race between a steam train and a speed launch, which took place Saturday, and over which a dispute has arisen as to who won, have decided to try it over again, and no one is to know the date for the second trial except those concerned, and this, it is expected, will permit a satisfactory test.

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